Friends of Yellowstone

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You Can Help Preserve and Protect Yellowstone

In our increasingly crowded and developed world, Yellowstone National Park provides a source of refuge and renewal for those who enter its quiet places. The park's magnificent wilderness areas offer a glimpse of what our continent was like when humans first gazed in wonder upon its steaming geysers, thundering waterfalls, and abundant wildlife. However, Yellowstone exists today only because generations who came before us understood its value and made its preservation a priority.

Because so many visitors who love Yellowstone want to help ensure that it stands wild and unimpaired for our future, two separate organizations have been established. The Yellowstone Park Foundation and the Yellowstone Association work in partnership with the National Park Service and each other to provide a means for visitors to contribute to Yellowstone's preservation. Please help us do the very best we can to protect and preserve this national treasure. Your contribution to either organization will designate you as a true friend of Yellowstone; contributors of \$1,000 or more will have their names displayed on the park's Honor Wall at Old Faithful, receiving special recognition as stewards and benefactors of Yellowstone National Park. Yellowstone will exist tomorrow as one of America's most treasured places only if our generation understands its value and makes its preservation our priority.

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Yellowstone Park Foundation

The Yellowstone Park Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated exclusively to funding projects that protect, preserve, and enhance Yellowstone National Park. Shrinking federal budgets over the years have created a \$600–700 million operating and infrastructure backlog for the park. The Foundation's mission is to raise money for important projects and programs in Yellowstone that otherwise would go unfunded.

Since January 1997 the Foundation has raised in excess of \$10 million to fund more than 45 projects for Yellowstone, including the restoration of westslope cutthroat trout and the relocation of the Pelican Valley Trail out of prime grizzly bear habitat. Current projects that the Foundation has committed to fund include new interpretive exhibits for the museum at Fishing Bridge, restoration of the popular Fan Creek Trail, and efforts to conserve the threatened lynx.

The Foundation also supports several important ongoing projects:

- The Yellowstone Wolf Project, which tracks and monitors the habits, habitat needs, and ecological impacts of Yellowstone's new wolf packs;
- A new Visitor Education Center to replace the current visitor center at Old Faithful, which is too small to accommodate the more than three million people who visit Yellowstone each year.

The Yellowstone Park Foundation receives no government support. It relies solely on the generous contributions of private individuals, foundations, and corporations to help protect and preserve Yellowstone for our enjoyment and that of future generations.

Yellowstone needs your help, now more than ever. Donors of \$25 or more to the Yellowstone Park Foundation are listed in Yellowstone's Honor Book at Old Faithful for one year. Donors of \$1,000 or more receive special recognition on the Honor Wall for one year. Please help protect the wildlife and wonders of the park by becoming a Friend of Yellowstone.



Yellowstone Association

Public appreciation and dedication have ensured Yellowstone's protection and preservation for more than 125 years. The non-profit Yellowstone Association has dedicated itself to fostering this critical public support through education since its founding in 1933 and, with the help of visitors like you, has provided funding of more than \$7,800,000 to Yellowstone National Park in support of educational, historical, and scientific projects.

How can you help?

First, visit a Yellowstone Association educational bookstore, located in all park visitor centers. **One hundred percent** of the profit from your purchase is returned directly to Yellowstone to fund critical educational programs, scientific research, ranger-interpreter training, and program supplies.

Second, become a member of the Yellowstone Association and provide substantial support to Yellowstone while receiving a year's subscription to the Association's informative Yellowstone newsletter and to Yellowstone Today, the official **park newspaper**, both published quarterly. You will also receive a **15% discount** on purchases in Association park bookstores and a discount on Yellowstone Association Institute **classes**. In appreciation for their contribution, members who join in the park will also receive their choice of a large, beautiful, and reusable fabric **book bag** depicting either a grizzly bear, gray wolf, or bison.

For more information on Association membership or activities, ask one of our helpful staff members at any park visitor center or write P.O. Box 117, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190 or call 307-344-2296. You can also visit our website at www.YellowstoneAssociation.org.

Yes, make me a Friend of Yellowstone National Park! I want to help preserve Yellowstone Contributor Supporter Guardian Steward through education. \$1,000 \$100 \$25 **\$50** To receive all the benefits of membership, visit any park visitor center or complete and mail this form with your dues to: The Yellowstone Association, P.O. Box 117, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190. Enclosed is a tax-deductible gift of Name ___ Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip ____ Associate\$30 Contributing.....\$50 Phone () _____ Charge to: MC Visa Annual dues: Sponsor\$500 Benefactor\$1,000 Credit Card # Sustaining\$100 Make checks payable to The Yellowstone Park Foundation. Make checks payable to The Yellowstone Association. The Yellowstone Park Foundation 37 East Main, Suite 4 _____ Mastercard Charge to: Expiration Date Bozeman, MT 59715 406-586-6303 Card # or visit our website @ www.ypf.org